



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Jay – Year 1
Ryan – Year 2



Karina – Year 3
Om – Year 4
Nimrah – Year 5
Obaid – Year 6



A note from the Headmaster

I have been kept away from school for most of this week due to the Cognita Global Heads Conference. This is an incredible opportunity on the one hand, having the chance to talk with fellow practitioners about how to make our schools even stronger. The global perspective is always an interesting one, although I am delighted that the size of our school maintains a family-feel that the “2000 pupils” variety cannot! There was much acknowledgement and praise for our three-weekly cycle of professional development, with an agreement that finding time for teachers to work together and with pupils gives real scope for progress for all parties. However, to be frank, I’ve also missed the school a lot. It was really nice to return on Friday, and see, hear and teach the pupils once more: they are the reason I started in this profession, and will be what motivates for years to come.



We have had a number of engagement opportunities in the last week, as well as the weeks ahead (details to be found later). I am very grateful to the staff who spend time planning and preparing such events, as a valuable chance to support pupils and parents in their schooling. Some of these events have come about as a result of the Voice of Parents survey, and others from suggestions made to me during my visits to the school in summer. Please continue to advise us if there are things that we can support with in future terms.

With very best wishes for the weekend ahead...

Operation Christmas Child

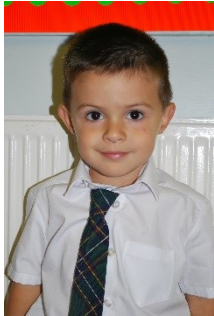


Kind hearted pupils in Year 8 have led Hydesville’s 2017 shoe box appeal for ‘Operation Christmas Child’ as part of their PSHE studies.

Each form group has contributed gifts and the pupils have wrapped the shoe boxes and checked their contents. Mrs Shaw has now taken them to the drop off point to be delivered to needy children across the world.

Nursery Star of the Week:

Daniel (awarded for always following the Golden Rules).



Year 7 Scholarship Programme



performance at the Assessment Day.

Selected Year 6 pupils have been identified for their academic ability and have been invited to attend a Scholarship Assessment Day (letters have gone out in the post this week).

All pupils are welcome to submit an application for a Non-Academic Scholarship. These are available in Art, Music, Performing Arts and Sport. Further details are on our website: <https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/scholarships-bursaries/>

Please note, the closing date for applications is Friday, 9th March 2018.

Senior School shows support for Anti-Bullying Week



Pupils from across the Senior School have been showing their support for Anti-Bullying Week. We've held a number of activities over the past fortnight, all designed to raise awareness of bullying and to encourage children, teachers and parents to take action against bullies and bullying in school. In all subjects pupils took part in lessons where they engaged in workshops and completed a range of tasks. During form time pupils created videos and made pledges to celebrate how they are 'All Different, All Equal'.

Finally, we delivered a successful parental engagement evening which focused on anti-bullying, where the pastoral team shared tips on

how parents can support their children at home.

Parent social event – Friday, 8th December



Friday 8th December 2017 - Invitation is open to all parents, friends, relatives and children over the age of 11

Rehearsals are well underway for next month's Murder Mystery Night, and from what we've seen you're in for a treat! A star studded cast of teachers from both Prep & Senior Schools will be taking to the stage (wearing some questionable costumes and some with even dodgier accents!) to perform 'Who Killed the Soap Star'. Tickets are available from the school office, priced at £5, which includes

entry and supper. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks to enjoy during the evening. Hope to see many of you there!

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved 100% attendance this week:

Form 3

Form 4

Congratulations to the following Prep School Class who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:

RJ

RD

1C

2P

4B

KS1 Information Event

Parents of children in Key Stage 1 are invited to an information event on **Thursday 7th December** from **4 pm until 5:45 pm**.

The event will provide information covering Maths, writing, grammar, reading and phonics and will be divided into two sessions. The first session will comprise a talk about the end of year expectations (for both Year 1 and Year 2), assessment and teaching strategies that are used in school. The information given should enable you to further support your child's learning at home.

Following the talk, parents will be given the opportunity to explore some of the activities and resources that are used in school. These will enable you to understand how the tasks in school could be reinforced at home.

Letters are being sent home this week, but please confirm your attendance as spaces are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Simar and Adam (Year 2) and Sukhmani (Year 5) who received swimming awards.



Tanaiya (Year 4) was presented with a certificate for Kombat Federation.

Tarun (Year 4) was given a Tennis All-Stars Level R2 Award.



Congratulations to Shriya (Y3) who was the winner in the Under 8's Staffordshire County Chess Championships.



Notices/reminders:

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| <p>Supporting your Child with Maths and English – KS3 event (29th November at 6 pm)</p> | <p>A reminder that this event is taking place at 6 pm on Wednesday 29th November. Come along to find out more about the new GCSE Maths and English curriculum and how you can support your child at home. Please note this is a parent only event.</p> |
| <p>Senior School extra-curricular programme for Spring Term</p> | <p>Form tutors have handed out extra-curricular booklets for activities in the Spring Term. Pupils can sign up for clubs next week, and they must select at least one activity.</p> |
| <p>Spring Term enrichment programme</p> | <p>Next week pupils can select which enrichment activity they'd like to do during the Spring Term. Options available are on the website: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/</p> |

Dates coming up week commencing 27th November 2017

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| <p>Monday</p> | <p>After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>Art Club: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Maths Club: Seniors Handball: Upper Prep Spanish Club: Upper Prep</p> |
| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>Supporting Your Child in English & Maths: KS3 event After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Spanish: Upper Prep</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p> | <p>Theatre trip to see Alice in Wonderland: Y2 – Y6 Lunch theme day: Indian After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm)</p> |
| <p>Friday</p> | <p>Nursery Stay & Play: 1.30pm – 3.00pm After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6</p> |